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Title: Need to bring in a comprehensive legislation for the welfare of Agricultural Workers- Laid.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): The 30% of our rural workforce of our country are agricultural labourers and almost 75% of the labourers belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and all the them live below the poverty line. They lack all the minimum basic facilities needed to sustain life.

Further, frequent floods and droughts make their life more miserable, as due to these natural calamities they are forced to become jobless. They are also subjected to all sorts of social oppression and atrocities. Their womenfolk have to bear the burnt of these calamities.

In the absence of any comprehensive law governing the agricultural workers of the country, no effective steps could be taken to uplift their conditions.

Therefore, I request the Government to take all necessary steps so that a comprehensive legislation for the welfare of the agricultural workers covering all the aspects of their life is enacted by the Central Government.